

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CACHE CREEK CHANNEL AND LEVEE REHABILITATION
PROJECT (State Clearinghouse Number 2023080108)

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has completed preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cache Creek Channel and Levee Rehabilitation Project (proposed project) and intends to adopt the EIR as part of project review. The EIR is now available for a 45-day public review and comment period. **The comment period is from March 7, 2025 to April 21, 2025.**

Project Description and Purpose: The proposed project would restore the design flood conveyance capacity along an approximately nine-mile-long reach of Cache Creek by removing sediment along with vegetation and slightly raising levee elevations at selected locations. The project is located in unincorporated Yolo County near the Town of Yolo, approximately two miles north of the City of Woodland and about 4.5 miles west of the Sacramento River, in Yolo County. The upstream end of the project reach is approximately 1.6 miles west of the I-5 bridge crossing over the creek. The downstream end of the project reach is at the terminus of a training levee where the channel extends into the Cache Creek Settling Basin. The proposed project would restore the original design flow and freeboard within the leveed area of Cache Creek. The schedule for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in 2026, at the earliest, and be completed in two years.

Where to Review:

- **Website:** <https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/Cache-Creek-DEIR>
- **In-Person paper copies: available during normal business hours**
 - DWR Flood Maintenance and Operations Branch, 3310 El Camino Avenue Sacramento, CA 95821
 - Woodland Public Library, 250 1st Street Woodland, CA 95695.

During the public review period, written comments on the Draft EIR should be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please contact Jeff Schuette. Written comments regarding the EIR should be received by DWR NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m., on April 21, 2025.

A CEQA Public Meeting will be held March 26, 2025. The meeting will allow for an opportunity to submit oral or written comments, which will be included in the administrative record. Translation services will be offered by submitting your request to Jeff.Schuette@water.ca.gov at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Meeting location: CA Agriculture Museum, 1958 Hays Lane, Woodland, CA 95776

If comments are provided via e-mail, please include the project title (Cache Creek Channel and Levee Rehabilitation Project Draft EIR Comments) in the subject line and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address in the e-mail. **PRIVACY NOTE:** All written comments received on the adequacy of this Draft EIR during the public review period will be addressed in a "response-to-comments" chapter in the Final EIR, which, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the entirety of the Final EIR. All substantive comments received on the Draft EIR will be considered in the decision-making process. No final decision will be made on the Final EIR regarding going forward with the proposed project; those decisions will only occur after completion of the CEQA decision-making process.

Anticipated Impacts: The Draft EIR analyzed the following environmental resources in detail: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Recreation, and Transportation.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any hazardous waste sites.